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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF FREMONT,

FOR THE

Fiscal Year ending March 1st, 1868,

WITH THE

AUDITOR'S REPORT

AND

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ANNEXED.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd Balance in Treasurer's hands last year,	\$92 38
Town of Danville for the support of Joseph Fellows,	8 00
Joel Howard's tax, 1866,	5 35
of State Literary fund,	20 10
Railroad tax,	43 33
Savings Bank tax 1867	31 22
3d instalment of U. S. Bounties,	240 00
County for support of paupers,	785 64
David Leavitt for shingles,	1 25
Jeremiah Benfield for use of hearse out of town,	1 00
Daniel C. Hook, Collector for 1861,	1 56
" " " " " 1862,	7 32
James Martin, " " 1866,	43 07
" " " " 1867,	4,093 40
Cash hired of sundry persons,	3,281 73

\$8,655 35

EXPENDITURES.

PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid County tax for 1867,	382 50
State " "	1,056 25

\$1,438 75

SCHOOL TAXES.

Paid School Dis. No. 1,	\$111 25
" " " 2,	115 93
" " " 3,	86 55
" " " 4,	44 04
I. S. and George H. Tuck's school tax,	3 78

\$361 55

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid School District No. 4,	\$20 75
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NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY LABOR.

Paid District No. 1,	\$6 52
" " 2,	4 32
" " 4,	1 06
" " 6,	6 29
" " 8,	22
" " 9,	32 45

\$50 86

BREAKING ROADS, WINTER OF 1866, '67.**DISTRICT No. 1.**

Paid Josiah R. West,	\$2 85
Ira Hylan,	2 40
John S. Gilman,	1 35
John M. Fitts,	7 80
John L. Fitts,	1 95
Asa Worthen,	1 95
John S. Trickey,	2 55
Ebenezer Ellis,	3 90
Samuel A. Smith,	7 80
Washington Lyford,	10 35
Samuel Trickey,	4 05
Joseph S. Dearborn,	2 60
James Martin,	75
Gardner Sleeper,	16 50
Ezekiel D. Lyford,	4 65

\$71 45**DISTRICT No. 2.**

Paid Josiah B. Robinson,	\$17 80
Perley Robinson,	8 85
Henry Lyford,	13 12
John Lyford,	1 80
William Nichols,	9 00
David Leavitt,	8 63
James Robinson,	1 95

\$61 15**DISTRICT No. 3.**

Paid Phineas Beede,	\$5 70
Horatio Beede,	11 40
George F. Beede,	7 65

\$24 75**DISTRICT No. 4.**

Paid John Whittier,	\$11 70
Jonathan A. Robinson,	9 30
J. L. Robinson,	1 20
Amos Skeels,	1 20

\$23 40**DISTRICT No. 5.**

Paid Boardman Poor,	\$4 80
Orin B. Poor,	7 65
Charles F. Poor,	30
Jonathan Tilton,	1 50
Sherburne Santorn,	4 35
Samuel Emerson,	4 05
Daniel B. Burley,	1 35
Daniel B. Gilman,	1 16

Paid John C. Sanborn,	1 05
Charles C. Brown,	79
Joseph Abbott,	15

 \$27 15

DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid David Sanborn,	60
Asa Sanborn,	11 40
Alva Sanborn,	12 00
Nathaniel Brown,	45
Joseph B. Wilber,	3 00
Daniel S. Brown,	2 93
George G. Brown,	1 05
Orin Bean,	1 05
James Bean,	3 30

 \$35 78

DISTRICT No. 7.

Paid Robert S. French,	\$6 79
Moses N. Sanborn,	3 08
Benjamin P. Webster,	4 95
Ezra Currier,	6 03
Abel T. Kimball,	3 00
Daniel C. Hook,	5 94
Moses Hook Jr.,	3 90

 \$33 69

DISTRICT No. 8.

Paid John M. Follansbee,	\$6 90
George W. Bassett,	4 35
William H. Brown,	6 15
B. S. Scribner,	13 20
Jeremiah Benfield,	1 40

 \$32 00

DISTRICT No. 9.

Paid Simon Foss,	\$7 94
John B. Bartlett,	65
H. P. Beede,	6 60
Joseph A. Smith,	2 40
Byron T. Smith,	2 40
Daniel J. Smith,	2 70
George L. Sanborn,	1 65
George D. Foss,	1 19
Robert S. French,	6 78
Benjamin P. Webster,	4 95
Ezra Currier,	6 03
Abel T. Kimball,	3 00
I. S. Tuck,	4 05
C. C. Brown 23,	1 05
Horace H. Wood,	2 60

 \$53 99

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid for the support of Betsey Smith 52 weeks at \$1 50,	\$78 00
medical aid for " "	4 50
for the support of Reuben Rowe 5 weeks at \$1 25,	6 25
47 weeks at 1 50,	70 55
clothing for do.,	3 29
for the support of D. Rowe and family 5 weeks at 2 75,	\$13 75
for the support of Wm. H. Towle 52 weeks at 1 00,	52 00
for the support of Jeremiah Worthen 53 weeks at 1 25,	66 25
clothing for do.,	5 59
for the support of Mary J. Worthen and child 52 weeks at 1 25,	65 00
medical aid for do.,	10 00
for the support of Eliza and Emma Davis at State Reform School,	107 12
for support of Sam'l Trickey 51 weeks at 1 25,	63 75
for support of David Sparr 53 weeks at 1 00,	53 00
for support of Mary S. Worthen and child 55 weeks at 1 50,	82 50
medical aid for do.,	6 00
for support of Rhoda J. Sanborn's child 52 weeks,	65 00
clothing for do.,	11 45
for support of Frances Bean 52 weeks at 1 50,	78 00
clothing for do.,	3 41
for support of George W. Smart 49 weeks at 1 50,	73 50
for 4 feet pine wood for do.,	1 50
medical aid for do.,	1 00
for support of Ephraim Abbott in full for 1866,	47 62
for 52 weeks to March 2, 1868,	80 50
for support of Mrs. John Carnel and child 26 weeks,	26 00
medical aid for do.,	1 00
for support of Carr Gilman 16 weeks,	34 25
for support of Dolly Hoyt 10 weeks at 1 00,	10 00

 \$1,120 78
NOTES AND INTEREST.

1867

April 2	Paid Asa Sanborn,	116 93
" 5	" Joseph J. Brown,	51 84
" "	" Josiah Robinson 3 notes,	346 11
" "	" Asa Sanborn,	12 00
" "	" Josiah B. Robinson,	113 61
" "	" Sarah Lyford,	106 01
May 1	" Truman H. Leavitt,	38 68
July 9	" George F. Beede,	213 88
" "	" Thomas Folsom 2 notes,	222 40
Aug. 4	" Andrew J. Todd,	117 08
Sept. 2	" William P. Beede,	143 80
" 12	" Robert S. French 2 notes,	371 71
" "	" Sarah M. Leavitt,	52 31
Nov. 1	" Sarah A. Scribner,	185 70
" "	" Mary A. Hook,	50 00
" 2	" Abigail Norris,	137 27

Nov. 2,	Paid Mary Page,	141 52
" 16	" Josiah Robinson,	6 09
" 28	" Charles C. Brown,	122 00
Dec. 6	" Ormond Spofford,	12 00
" 9	" Susan L. Beede,	55 17
" 30	" Ruth B. Gilman,	7 41
1868		
Jan. 3	" Sally Chase,	166 21
" 12	" Peirley Robinson,	636 00
Feb. 15	" Mary Holt 2 notes,	244 57
" "	" Andrew J. Todd,	148 22
" 20	" Luther C. True,	343 51
" 24	" Asa Sanborn,	111 33

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Charles F. Burley, (not in town April 1st,)	4 32
George Hodgdon,	4 32
Woodbury McIntire, (at his request,)	4 32
Daniel W. Mace, (at his request,)	4 32
John Morrille,	4 86
Jay P. Bassett,	4 32
Sarah A. Tilton,	50
Samuel S. Smith,	4 32
Stephen N. Colby,	4 32
Daniel B. Chase, (over 70,)	4 86
James Bean, (dog tax,)	1 00
John Morrill, 1861.	1 60
Nathaniel C. Smith,	61
Asa Sanborn, (dog tax,)	1 00
George W. Smart, 1866,	5 19
Samuel Stevens, "	1 19
Ezra Currier, (dog tax,)	1 00
James W. Burley, 1866,	5 19
Charles A. Dudley, (not in town April 1st,)	5 19
Anson E. Hall, " " 1866,	5 19
Abel Elkins,	2 39
Jonathan French, 1866,	1 53

\$71 54

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid for printing town reports, 1867,	15 00
Geo. F. Beede, journey to Exeter,	2 50
Charles H. Bell, for counsel,	2 00
for surveyors and collectors books,	1 52
Stamps,	2 70
Inventory book and stationery,	1 50
Record Book,	5 00
Postage and express,	75
John Marsh for cleaning town house,	1 00
M. W. Caverly, for returning births and deaths,	35
George F. Beede, for shingling town house,	117 00
repairing boarding and windows,	9 00
G. H. Floyd for wood used March meeting,	75

Paid Mary S. Brown, for 1-4 acre of land for the repairing of highways,	25 00
Perley Robinson for making deed and running out land,	75
Recording Deed,	70
Surveyor for running line between Chester and Fremont,	1 50
Simon Foss, for labor on highway,	94
G. D. Foss, " "	59
Daniel M. Christie, in full for his services, case Exeter Bank,	40 00
Moses Hook Jr., 331 ft bridge plank and timber, for labor repairing bridge,	4 96
Josiah B. Robinson, for 50 feet bridge timber,	3 00
Joseph B. Wilber, for 120 feet " "	65
A. S. Sanborn, " 210 " " "	2 00
" " " 4 stringers,	2 94
Daniel C. Robinson, for services as town clerk,	1 00
Jeremiah Benfield, care of hearse,	10 00
James Martin for collecting taxes,	2 50
George F. Beede, for services as superintending school committee,	40 00
I. L. Robinson, for 1218 feet of Red Oak Plank,	15 00
Jonathan Tilton, for covering stone,	36 54
	1 00

\$348 14

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1867

March 13	Paid Daniel C. Hook 1-2 day on pauper business,	75
" 30	attending juror meeting,	50
" 30	writing and posting warrants for town meeting,	75
April 1	3 days taking inventory,	4 50
" 10	1 day after money and paying out,	1 50
" 15	1 day making assessments,	1 50
" 16	1-2 day " "	75
" 20	journey to Exeter,	2 50
" 22	1 day filling out inventory,	1 50
" 23	2 days making taxes,	3 00
" 28	filling out collector's and surveyors books, delivering,	1 50
		50
May 20	copying non-resident taxes,	1 00
" 22	dividing school money, &c.,	1 50
" 23	1-2 day pauper business,	75
" 24	recording taxes,	2 00
June 28	writing and posting warrants for town meeting,	1 00
" 29	1-2 day town business,	75
July 10	journey to Manchester,	1 50
Oct: 1	1-2 day town business,	75
" 9	taking two depositions,	50
" 10	1-2 day pauper business,	75
" 24	journey to Portsmouth,	1 50
" 11	making out pauper account,	50
" 26	attending juror meeting,	50

Nov. 1	perambulating line between Chester and Fremont,	2 00
" 6	perambulating line between Sandown and Fremont,	1 50
" 10	1 day town business,	1 50
" 15	perambulating line between Raymond and Fremont,	1 50
1868		
Jan. 17	journey to Kingston,	75
" 19	journey to Concord,	1 50
" 20	1 day making pauper account, &c.,	1 50
" 22	attending juror meeting,	50
" 23	journey to Exeter after county money,	2 50
" 27	1 day settling pauper claims,	1 50
" 31	1 2 day settling with collector,	75
Feb. 1	1 day making out accounts,	1 50
" 10	journey to J. L. Fitts,	75
" 15	journey to Epping to pay money,	1 00
" 16	1 day with selectmen and collector,	1 50
" 18	Paid Daniel C. Hook 1 day writing up account,	1 50
" 19	" " " "	75
" 20	journey to Raymond to pay money,	1 00
" 21	1 day preparing accounts for printing,	1 50
" 24	1 day with selectmen and collector,	1 50
" 26	1-2 day with auditors,	75
		\$59 50

1867		
March 30	Paid George L. Sanborn attending juror meeting,	50
April 4	3 days taking inventory, and horse,	6 50
" 15	1-2 day making assessment,	75
" 18	1 day " "	1 50
" 23	2 days making taxes,	3 00
May 28	1 day pauper business,	1 50
Oct. 26	attending juror meeting,	50
Nov. 2	1 day perambulating line between Chester and Fremont and expenses,	2 00
" 6	1 day perambulating line between Sandown and Fremont,	1 50
1868		
Feb. 16	1 day with selectmen and collector,	75
" 24	1-2 day " " "	75
		\$19 25

1867		
March 30	Paid John L. Fitts attending juror meeting,	75
April 1	1 day taking inventory,	1 50
" 1	1 day " " and horse,	2 25
" 15	1 day with Selectmen,	1 50
" 16	1-2 day " "	75
Aug. 1	journey to D. C. Hook's,	75
Nov. 12	1 2 day on pauper business,	75
" 16	1 day perambulating line between Raymond and Fremont,	1 50
" 30	1-2 day pauper business,	75

1868		
Jan. 30	1-2 day with selectmen,	75
Feb. 8	journey to G. L. Sanborn's,	75
" 12	1 day with selectmen,	1 50
" 24	1-2 day "	75

 \$14 25
EXPENSES.

1867		
July 10	Paid Daniel C. Hook's car fare and expenses to Concord,	3 30
Oct. 29	do., fare and expenses to Portsmouth,	2 75
Nov. 19	do., " " to Concord,	3 30

 \$9 35
Recapitulation.

Receipts,		\$8,655 35
EXPENDITURES.		
Public taxes,	1438 75	
School "	361 55	
School house tax,	20 75	
Non-resident labor,	50 86	
Breaking roads,	363 36	
Support of poor,	1120 73	
Notes and interest,	4273 27	
Abatements,	71 54	
Miscellaneous bills,	348 14	
Selectmens' services and expenses,	102 35	
		\$8,151 30

Balance in Treasurer's hands,		\$504 05
DANIEL C. HOOK,	} Selectmen of Fremont.	
GEORGE L. SANBORN,		
JOHN L. FITTS,		

Auditor's Report.

The undersigned, Auditors, having examined the foregoing accounts, are satisfied that they are correct ; and report, that from the books, the following appears to be the financial condition of the town.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Notes held against the town by sundry individuals, reported last year, still unpaid, including interest to March 1st, 1868, \$8,654 83

Notes given during the year to sundry individuals, including interest to March 1st, 1868, 3,397 53

\$12,052 36

From which deduct :

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	504 05
Due from county for support paupers,	94 00
U. S. Government	1200 00
D. C. Hook's collection 1862	3 15
Perley Robinson, " 1864	13 37
Horatio Beede, " 1865	5 22
James Martin, " 1866	16 33
" " " 1867	76 70

1,912 89

\$10,139 54

Leaving a debt of
Fremont, Feb. 25, 1868.

GEORGE F. BEEDE, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF FREMONT:

The following Report is very respectfully submitted:

Having due regard for the different degrees of success and progress, of qualities and abilities to instruct and to receive instruction, I think I can honestly say that all our schools for the past year have been successful.

When we examine a delicate and wonderful piece of machinery, we say the inventor is a genius, a man of rare attainments, in fact he is a successful man; so with the wealthy merchant, the able jurist, the skilled physician, through all the ranks of life, even down to the humble day laborer, with his vine-clad cottage and happy family.

The school room is a miniature world, as illustrative, instructive, ennobling, or degrading as the mature. We find in degree the same hopes or fears, triumphs or disappointments, ambitious aspirations or groveling ideas, through the whole conceptions and results of the mind, in the young school life as in after years. Applying this train of thought we cannot in justice take a high, exalted standard of excellence, either in any of the pursuits of life, or morally, and measure all mankind by it; say to those that do not attain it your life is a failure!

So with our teachers, schools, and scholars; I do not feel like condemning if some do not succeed as well as others; I often think those that show the least results deserve the most praise; a thorough, practical knowledge of a little, is better than much superficially learned.

To sum the matter up, our teachers have been all diligent, honest workers, according to their ability to work; they seemed to love their calling, understood their duties, and did not shirk them; consequently our schools have had life, action, and energy in its daily pulsations; improvement and progress is the reward.

One great drawback to the teacher is the want of interest in the pupil; this once awakened and kept alive, all is gained; often the young do not properly appreciate their opportunities, or realize how many great prizes in life are within their reach, if they only make proper efforts to secure them. Nothing can hinder the energy of a determined mind; education is possible to all who have average ability and the inclination; one

of the sturdiest minded and learned men of recent times, though his school education was very meagre, said of himself: "In looking back upon my youth, I see, methinks, a wild fruit tree, rich in leaf and blossom, and it is mortifying enough to mark how very few of the blossoms have set, and how diminutive and imperfectly formed the fruit is into which even the productive few have been developed. A right use of the opportunities of instruction afforded me in early youth would have made me a scholar ere my twenty-fifth year, and have saved to me at least ten of the best years of life; years which were spent in obscure and humble occupations. But while my story must serve to show the evils which result from truant carelessness in boyhood, and that what was sport to the young lad may assume the form of serious misfortune to the man; it may also serve to show, that much may be done by after diligence, to retrieve an early error of this kind; that life itself is a school, and Nature always a fresh study; and that the man who keeps his eyes and his mind open will always find fitting, though, it may be, hard school-masters, to speed him on in his life-long education." With this glowing picture of an earnest life in our mind, should we turn and contemplate the wreck that end the career of so many. We can say with the poet,

"For all sad words, of tongue or pen,
The saddest are, 'It might have been.'"

This nineteenth century has greater demands from all of us than did the preceding ones for our forefathers; every department of learning, and all the different pursuits of life have advanced; the field of knowledge, science, trade, invention, and labor, has vastly extended. If the pyramid has grown higher, the ascent more difficult, and the obstacles to overcome greater, yet when the summit is reached a wider prospect greets the vision; the reward keeps pace with the increased efforts. Success in life depends more and more upon the mind; the demand of the age is an educated mind to direct the labor of the hands; in other words, skilled labor; and such can command their own price in the market; we have ministers, factory agents, &c., receiving larger salaries than the President. All our hopes of the future are centered in the throngs of children that gather in our school-houses; their plastic minds are easily influenced for good or evil; our duty to them is to give the right encouragement and example at home, and secure, if possible, the same watchful care and love in those that have charge of the school-room.

I give below a few items of interest from the Registers of each school, with impressions received from repeated visits as to the success of each:

District No. 1.

CHARLES C. BROWN, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$111.25.

SUMMER TERM.—Length of school 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; whole number of scholars 20; average attendance 13; instances of tardiness 13; instances of dismissals 12; visits of citizens and others 25; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$17.00.

WINTER TERM.—Length of school 11 weeks; whole number of scholars 24; average attendance 20; instances of tardiness 40; instances of dismissals 58; pupils not absent one half day 3; visits by citizens and others 31; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.00.

Miss Sarah E. French teacher of both terms. These schools were excellent; the instruction practical, thorough, and progressive. All the different branches of study pursued by the pupils have equal attention; scholars are taught to think and work for themselves; when explanations or assistance are really needed, they are clear and to the point; the discipline firmly and wisely maintained, causing all to look cheerful and good-natured. I do not remember an instance of whispering or the passing of an article across the school-room; and as we should expect, there was a nice regard for a clean, tidy appearance. By the record of visits, a good school is appreciated, as it should be, by the citizens of the District: there were twenty-five present at the close of the Winter term, to witness the recitations and varied exercises; if the looks and words of the people were a fair index to judge from, the examination was quite complimentary to pupils and teacher, also a pleasant occasion to all present; instruction for the mind, a tastily trimmed room for the eye, and music for the ear.

District No. 2.

DANIEL C. ROBINSON, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$115.93.

SUMMER TERM.—Length of school 10 weeks; whole number of scholars 35; average attendance 29, nearly; instances of tardiness 49; instances of dismissals 18; pupils not absent one half day 3; visits by citizens and others 5; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24.00.

WINTER TERM.—Length of school 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 30; average attendance 24, nearly; instances of tardiness 20; instances of dismissals 6; pupils not absent one half day 3; no visits except by your committee; wages of teacher per month, board included, \$24.00.

Teacher of both terms, Miss Belle F. Wood of Brentwood. Miss Wood fully sustained her reputation as a successful teacher; she works wonders with the little children; boys and girls five and six years old who at the commencement of the Summer term were learning their alpha-

bet, were found at the close of the Winter term reading intelligently the Second and Third Readers.

There are some fine little scholars in this school, who cannot make their mark even in this progressive age.

If the citizens of the district gave much thought to their school, surely did not manifest their regard for its welfare very strongly in visiting it, for the record shows that only two parents visited the school for the year; were there any fault to find, the knowledge must certainly have come second-handed.

District No. 3.

JOSEPH S. DEARBORN, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$86.55.

SUMMER TERM.—Length of school 7 weeks: whole number of scholars 32; average attendance 25; instances of tardiness 8; instances of dismissals 14; pupils not absent one half day 8; visits by citizens and others 15; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$22.00.

Miss Emma J. Judkins of Kingston teacher. This was a fine school; there seemed to be a mutual feeling of good will and respect between teacher and pupils, which always secures a pleasant school. The progress for so short a term was very good. There were several advanced classes which attracted marked attention from visitors at the closing examination.

WINTER TERM.—Length of school 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 23; average attendance 20, nearly; instances of tardiness 107; instances of dismissals 13; pupils not absent one half day 5; visits by citizens and others 13; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24.00.

Taught by Miss Mary A. Clark of Sandown. This was also a successful school; the recitations were lively and promptly conducted, and the scholars appeared to make a good substantial progress with their studies; the government kindly and evenly administered, though not quite so high a standard gained in this respect as might be desired.

District No. 4.

CHARLES C. BROWN, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$44.04.

SUMMER TERM.—Length of school 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 13; average attendance 9 1-2; No. children not attending school 2; instances of tardiness 32; instances of dismissals 10; visits by citizens and others 11; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$15.00.

Teacher Hattie M. Fellows of Brentwood. It is gratifying to say that this small school improves from year to year. Miss Fellows had a good school; pupils orderly and diligent; all labored for progress and were rewarded with success.

GEORGE F. BEEDE,
Superintending School Committee.

Fremont, Feb. 25, 1868,